Millennial Star

SEPTEMBER 1969

Millennial Star

CONTENTS

Volume 131 No. 9

September 1969

Signs of Second Coming
(President Joseph Fielding Smith) 3

Seeds of Distrust
(Elder Mark E. Petersen) 5

Do His Will Today
(Elder Marion G. Romney) 11

Lead Life of Dedication
(Elder ElRay L. Christiansen) 16

YWMIA Centennial & June Conference 21

Introducing New Mission Presidents 30-35

Womens Section 36

Convert, Missionary Meet In S.L. 38

Youth News 42

Seminary News 46

Distinguished Couple Now Missionaries 49

News 51

Exerpts From Earlier 'Stars' 71

Business Manager: Norman D. Hawkes
Deseret Enterprises Ltd.,
288 London Road, Mitcham, 5235

Managing Editor: Monitor C. Noyce

News Editor: Muriel Cuthbert, "Archdale",
268 Birmingham Road, Wylde Green,
Sutton Coldfield, Warks.

Women, Youth, Feature Editor: Gwen Cannon
"Bywood", Nightingales Lane,
Chalfont-St-Giles, Bucks.

The Millennial Star is the Official publication of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain. Published monthly from 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey, England Printed by the Target Press Ltd., Boulton Road, Reading, Berks. Subscription rates: £1 2s. per year (Foreign $3.00), 2s. per copy. The Star Will be pleased to receive articles for consideration, but is not responsible for the materials submitted although it will try to ensure the safe return of these materials wherever possible.

Cover Picture

Waggoner's Wells situated on the Surrey-Hampshire border

Reproduced by permission of Jarrold & Sons Ltd.

Who Think This World Is All

Our little here-and-now with moon and sun
Is just a segment of eternal life;
A phase—a stage—one scene—scenery and props
Appropriate to this setting. Those who
Conclude that this is all have thought too small,
And may discover, as the curtains fall,
That they are cast in more confined roles
In future sets. How stars evolve, and suns,
May forever elude their studied grasp.

Before the scene closes, shouldn't we all
Get in the spirit of it? Learn our lines?
They are the same for all humanity—
"This life is the time for men to prepare to meet God."

—Ora Pate Stewart
British South Mission

Signs Evident In World Of Saviours Second Coming Near

By President Joseph Fielding Smith

★ I wish to bear testimony to the restoration of the Gospel, to the mission of our Redeemer, to the call of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the establishment of this work in the dispensation in which we live, known as the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. I know absolutely that Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, the Saviour of men insofar as they will repent of their sins and accept the Gospel. Through His death He redeemed all men and took upon Him that sacrifice which would relieve us of our sins that we may not answer for them if we will accept Him and be true and faithful to His teachings.

President Joseph Fielding Smith

I am just as fully satisfied, because I know, that the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith and revealed to Him the great truth which had been lost because of the wickedness of the world; that they are separate distinct Personages; that the Father and the

Son, together with the Holy Ghost, constitute the Godhead, the great ruling power of the universe; that Jesus Christ volunteered to come into this world to redeem it; that John the Baptist came to the Prophet, as did Moroni before him, and Peter, James, and John later, to give authority and to usher in the kingdom of God anew in this dispensation in which we live, because men had turned away from the truth. Through darkness which covered the earth they had lost the knowledge of God; they had transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances; and instead of teaching the simple truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they taught the commandments of men just as the Lord Jesus Christ declared to the Prophet Joseph Smth.

CRUCIAL TIMES

I am grateful for my membership in this Church, for the opportunity that has been mine to serve. My desire is to prove true and faithful to the end. I realise that this is the Dispensation of the fulness of times; that we live in perilous days; that men's hearts are failing; that contention prevails; nations stand in opposition to nations, and there is no peace.

I realise, because I discover it, that there is commotion not only among men, but also in the elements pertaining to this earth; that they too are becoming angry. The judgments of the Almighty are being poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth by earthquakes, by flood, by famine and pestilence, and in many other ways, and all of these are signs that have been given by our Lord Jesus Christ to convince men upon the face of the earth that His coming is near, even at our doors.

★ "If children are to be brought up in the way they should go, to be good citizens here and happy hereafter, they must be taught. It is idle to suppose that children will grow up good, while surrounded with wickedness, without cultivation. It is folly to suppose that they can become learned without education."

—Joseph Smith
Times and Seasons
Jan. 15, 1842, P 662

Seeds Of Distrust, Doubt Sown By Many

By Elder Mark E. Petersen

★ The work of the Church is a work of conversion. We seek for conversion of ourselves, of our children, and of all mankind who will listen to us—conversion to the point where we and they will be willing to accept the teachings and commandments of the Lord our Saviour and by following them work out our salvation. As the Lord says here, ". . . it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." D&C, 18:14.)

But in spite of all the work that is done in the Church in the way of conversion and teaching, and so much wonderful work is done, there are some instances where people go in reverse and fall away. Sometimes they accept the teachings of false leaders and false teachers who lead them astray.

Often I have asked myself why it is that some people apostatise from the truth. I have never believed that a person falls away suddenly, all at once, any more than a person who has been righteous and honest all his life would go out and suddenly rob a bank. There is some preparatory work done in advance. There is some "softening-up" process which leads to the apostate condition. Big sins generally are preceded by little ones, and I believe that this is true with respect to people who fall away from the truth.

SEEDS OF DOUBT

Seeds are sown, seeds of doubt, disbelief, distrust, disrespect. These seeds are watered; they are nutured, and finally they become fully developed until they produce their evil fruit.
Who sows these seeds of doubt and distrust? They are sown in many ways. I might mention a few.

I have heard of a man who claims to be a very good Latter-day Saint. He claims that he loves the Church,

but he also loves the world, and he lives as close as he possibly can to the line of disobedience without actually violating the letter of the law. He does not realise that he must avoid even the very appearance of evil. He does not realise, possibly, that by living as close to the line of disobedience as he can, he sows seeds of doubt and distrust in the minds of others.

There are those who live in open rebellion against the word of God and violate the commandments continuously and intentionally, and of course they always leave doubt in the minds of others, with some disrespect for them themselves.

FROM WITHIN

And then there are the seeds that are sown by some of our teachers and preachers within our own organisation, who like to advance some new doctrine, or some new interpretation, or some speculative theory, or advance something that is sensational, because to advance the sensational seems to feed their ego inasmuch as they become the centre of a discussion.

Most of our teachers and preachers are wonderful. They teach the truth; they bring about conversions in the minds and hearts of those who listen to them. But there are these few teachers who sow seeds of doubt by speculative and unsound doctrines, and as they do so they "soften up," to use the army expression, some of their hearers who might later be taken over by the apostate teachers who come among them.

It is my full belief that whenever any of us accept a position of any description in the Church, we accept along with it the responsibility of that office, whatsoever it may be. I believe that if a person accepts a position as a teacher in one of our organisations, or if he accepts the responsibility of preaching from the pulpit, such person accepts the responsibility which goes with that call. He becomes a representative of the Church in that position. Every teacher and every preacher therefore is duty-bound, upon accepting such a call, to represent the official views and doctrines of the Church, and to teach those official doctrines in his class or from the pulpit, with the one thought in mind that conversion is to come about in the hearts of those who listen to him. I do not believe that conversion to the truth comes through the teaching of half-truths or untruths.

PLACES TO TEACH TRUTHS

Our classrooms and our assembly rooms have been built at great expense with only one thought in mind, and that is that in them we may teach the truth so that we may convert those who come there, so that they in turn will live the Gospel and work out their salvation in the earth.

I do not believe that the classrooms or the pulpits of our Church are for laboratory purposes in which to ex-

Elder Mark E. Petersen

periment with new doctrines and speculative notions. They are exclusively for the use of those who are willing to convert men and women and boys and girls to the truth.

There is only one man in all the world who has the right to introduce a new doctrine to this Church, and that man is the President of the Church. So teachers, until you become the President of the Church, will you be willing to content yourselves with the present officially accepted doctrines of the Church?

2. I do not believe that we can escape the responsibility of starting someone off on the wrong way if we teach wrong principles. I do not believe that any of us can afford to take that responsibility.

3. I do not believe, therefore, that we can bring into our classes or our sermons views and doctrines which are not accepted and officially advocated by the Church.

4. I do not believe that any teacher in any organisation has the right to discard the prescribed lesson course and substitute in its place magazine articles, philosophical discussions, lectures, or any other extraneous matter.

NOT ACCEPTED TRUTH

5. I do not believe that we can bring into our classrooms or sermons the philosophies and doctrines of uninspired men of the world, no matter how well educated they may be, and present them as accepted truth.

6. I do not believe we should accept every theory advanced by men of science as though it were true. These men change their minds much too often for that.

7. I do not believe we should bring into our classes and sermons the doctrines of other churches and teach them as accepted truth.

8. I do not believe we should teach the doctrines of the British-Israel or similar organisations, sensational though they may be, presenting them to our people as though they were true.

9. I do not believe we should give time in our classes to discussions of the alleged interpretations of the measurements of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, fantastic and unreliable as they so often are.

10. I do not believe we should accept the current views that the lost ten tribes have been found in the northern nations of Europe, or that they have been named, indexed, and classified.

11. I do not believe that we can accept the peculiar notion that the mythical Odin of the North was in reality the Saviour of the world performing His work among the northern nations of Europe or the ten tribes.

12. I do not believe we should give credence to the highly speculative theories about Book of Mormon geography.

13. I do not believe that there were two Hill Cumorahs, one in Central America and the other one up in New York, for the convenience of the Prophet Joseph Smith, so that the poor boy would not have to walk clear to Central America to get the gold plates.

BELIEVE THE PROPHET

14. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints and question the integrity of Joseph Smith.

15. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints and question the testimony of the eleven witnesses of the Book of Mormon.

16. I do not believe you have a testimony of the truth if you question the accuracy of the translation of the Book of Mormon.

17. I do not believe you have the facts or are being honest with yourself if you question the Manifesto as it appears in the Doctrine and Covenants.

18. I do not believe we should try to establish our personal fads as Church doctrine. I do not believe my eternal salvation will be affected in any way if I eat white bread or white sugar. I do not believe the doctrines of the Church are in any way involved in whether my whole wheat is stone-ground or steel-cut.

19. I do not believe we can be good Christians, regardless of the denomination, if we refuse to believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross. I do not believe anyone can be a good Christian, regardless of denomination, if he questions the reality of the literal, physical resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after His crucifixion.

20. I do not believe we can be good Christains of any denomination and reject the Old Testament. I do not believe we can be good Christains of any denomination and reject the epistles of the New Testament.

PROPHET RECEIVES REVELATION

21. I do not believe we can be good Latter-day Saints, or that we are loyal to this Church, if we accept alleged revelations of men and women who claim to have received them for the membership of the Church when we know that the Lord designates the President of the Church as the only one on earth to whom He will reveal His mind for the Church at large.

22. I do not believe that we can be good Latter-day Saints or good Christians of any denomination and accept the teachings of some that death was a mistake, that it can be avoided, and that we can achieve immorality without passing through death, just by following the teachings of some false prophet.

23. I do not believe that we can ignore the teachings of the Saviour when He said,

". . . there shall be no disputations among you, as there have hitherto been; neither shall there be disputations among you concerning the points of my doctrine, as there have hitherto been.

"For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another." (3 Nephi 11:28-29.)

Notice

★ The Pembroke Branch, Southwest British Mission, desires to make known times of its services, especially for those Saints on holiday in the area.

Sunday School at 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting at 11.30 a.m.
At the Royal Edinburgh Hotel, Pembroke Dock.

Baptism

As you entered the cool clear water
We uttered a fervent prayer,
When we witnessed your total immersion,
And the peace of our Lord lingered there.

The joy of this day we will treasure,
And for you a new life has begun,
Old deeds are forgotten like dreams in the night
And are gone with the rising sun.

Now we witness your confirmation,
You are blessed by a heavenly host,
The elders of Israel encompass you now,
And your gift is the holy ghost.

You are now in the straight and narrow,
A path that will sometimes be sad,
But remember the Saviour thus suffered,
And your heart once again will be glad.

Stay close to the Lord and be prayerful,
Let courage and love be your guide,
Keep strong in the faith, press on to the end,
And your heart once again will be glad.

—Margory E. Green
Near Farnham, Surrey

Elder Marion G. Romney

Do His Will Today Now!

By Elder Marion G. Romney

★ I quote a text by which we may test ourselves today and always as to where we stand with reference to our faith and belief in God. It is the 25th verse of the 64th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today."

In the two paragraphs which precede it, the Lord makes clear three things: First, the meaning of the word today as used in the text; second, certain things which His people should do today; and third, some events which will come to pass tomorrow. Here are His words:

"Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man, and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming.

"For after today cometh the burning . . . for verily I say, tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, for I am the Lord of Hosts; and I will not spare any that remain in Babylon."

And then follows our text:

"Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today." (Ibid., 64:23-25.)

TODAY—ALL IMPORTANT

I have in my heart a desire to emphasise the importance of doing the will of God now while today lasts. Perhaps more hangs upon what a man does during the short period of his mortal probation than upon his performance in any other period of equal duration since the spirit hosts took sides in the great war in heaven.

Amulek, Alma's missionary companion, speaks to this subject as follows:

". . . now is the time and the day of your salvation; . . .

"For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labours.

". . . therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labour performed." (Alma 34: 31-33.)

CONTINUE TO THE END

Nephi taught this same doctrine and went one step farther. He declared that we must not only labour in this life, but that we must also continue that labour until the end of life. He pointed out that the gate by which one enters upon the straight and narrow path is repentance and baptism by water and of fire and the Holy Ghost, and then continued:

"And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; . . .

". . . ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life." (2 Nephi 31:19-20.)

"And now, my beloved brethren, I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end, in following the example of the Son of the living God, he cannot be saved." (Ibid., 31:16.)

COUNSELS MORONI

Mormon's performance, along with his counsel to his son Moroni, is an

heroic example of one's continuing unto the end under the most trying circumstances. You will recall that it was Mormon who led the degenerate Nephites in their final struggle against the Lamanites. And a discouraging and thankless job it was! As he approached the inevitable end, he wrote to his beloved son Moroni, advising that he had just fought an important battle in which he did not conquer, and in which three of his most valiant leaders and a great number of his choice men had been killed. He continued,

"And now behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites shall destroy this people; for they do not repent, and Satan stirreth them up continually to anger one with another.

"Behold, I am labouring with them continually; and when I speak the word of God with sharpness they tremble and anger against me; and when I use no sharpness they harden their hearts against it; wherefore, I fear least the Spirit of the Lord hath ceased striving with them.

"For so exceeding do they anger that it seemeth me that they have no fear of death; and they have lost their love, one towards another; and they thirst after blood and revenge continually." (Moroni 9:3-5.)

Then, notwithstanding these discouraging circumstances, he declares his intention to continue to labour and encourages his son Moroni to do likewise. Listen to his plea and take courage therefrom:

A FURTHER PLEA

"And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labour diligently; for if we should cease to labour, we should be brought under condemnation; for we have a labour to perform whilst in this tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteousness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God." (Ibid., 9:6.)

In the light of these teachings, it would seem to be most unwise to rely upon the doctrine of the so-called second chance and wait until after death to perform our good works. I am acquainted with the doctrine that those who have had no opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel in this life will have that opportunity in the world to come, and I rejoice in it. I rejoice in the vision and the revelation received by the Prophet Joseph Smith on the 21st day of January 1836, which teaches this doctrine. The Prophet reported that vision and that revelation in part as follows:

"The heavens were opened upon us, and I beheld the celestial kingdom of God, and the glory thereof . . . I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling

flames of fire; also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son. I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold. I saw Fathers Adam and Abraham, and my father and mother, my brother, Alvin, that has long since slept, and marvelled how it was that he had obtained an inheritance in that kingdom, seeing that he had departed this life before the Lord had set His hand to gather Israel the second time, and had not been baptised for the remission of sins.

"Thus came the voice of the Lord unto me, saying—

ALSO HEIRS

"'All who have died without a knowledge of this Gospel, who would have received it if they had been permitted to tarry, shall be heirs of the celestial kingdom of God; also all that shall die henceforth without a knowledge of it, who would have received it with all their hearts, shall be heirs of that kingdom, for I, the Lord, will judge all men according to their works, according to the desire of their hearts.'" (D. H. C. 2:380.)

All this I accept with joy. However, it does not teach, and I have never found anything in the scriptures nor in the teachings of the prophets which encourages me to believe, that those who have the Gospel taught to them here will be able to make up their loss if they choose to wait for the next life to obey it. I would not advise anyone to take that chance. As I understand the scriptures, taking such a hazard would be fatal.

Amulek, after speaking of "the night of darkness wherein there can be no labour performed," added:

"Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world.

"For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked." (Alma 34: 34-35.)

PARABLE OF THE VIRGINS

On this point of deferring obedience to the Gospel, we might with profit consider the Saviour's parable of the ten virgins. I do not remember any provision being made in that parable for the five foolish virgins to enter into the marriage at a later time. I do

remember, however that after the door was shut they, having in the meantime filled their lamps with oil, came saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us," and that his answer was, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." (See Matt. 25: 1-13.)

In 1831 the Lord continued with the lesson He had in mind to teach with this parable. Speaking to the Prophet Joseph, He specified some of the blessings to be received by the five wise virgins. Said He:

"And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.

"For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.

"And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.

"For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver." (D&C 45:56-59.)

LABOUR ALL YOUR DAYS

No mention is made in this revelation of the whereabouts of the foolish virgins. Said the Prophet Joseph,

"If men would acquire salvation they have got to be subject, before they leave this world, to certain rules and principles, which were fixed by an unalterable decree before the world was.

"Otherwise the disappointment of hopes and expectations at the resurrection would be indescribably dreadful." (D. H. C. 6:50-51.)

In view of these teachings and the many others which carry the message that today is the day for us to perform our labours, it would seem to be wisdom on the part of every soul who has been taught the Gospel, to here and now make a daily conscious and sincere effort to live it. And this effort should continue to the end of mortal life. Failing to make such an effort, a person identifies himself as one who does not believe the Lord, for, said He, ". . . if ye believe me, ye will labour while it is called today."

★ ★ ★

Every Latter Day Saint Should Lead Life of

By Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

★ It seems to me that the life of a Latter-day Saint is intended to be a life of dedication and of consecration to the things of God. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a programme for the perfecting of the individual member by his adherence to the principles of that Gospel. It is designed to teach us to forget ourselves, to be unselfish. I have come to think that selfishness on the part of those of us who are inclined that way is one of the great deterrents to our progress and to the realisation of a divine destiny.

Let us be determined to overcome selfishness and personal aggrandisement by sharing with others that which we have, by dedicating ourselves to the work at hand which we have to do, through dedication of our talents, our time, our substance, our tithes, and our offerings, our love, our goodness and kindness one to another, always seeing the good that always may be found in others.

When we partake of the sacrament, we presumably take upon us the name of Christ. We agree to do as He would do, to act as He would act:

'. . . by love serve one another.

'For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." (Gal. 5: 13-14.)

THE REWARD

The reward of unselfish service has been told us by the Lord when He has said that ". . . whosover will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake(I take it, in his service and the service of his fellow men) shall find it." (Matt. 16: 25.)

The sweetness and the joy of life is found when we are willing to deny ourselves for the good and the benefit of others. Service to others, service in the Church, giving of our substance,

Dedication, Consecration

is part of the life of a Latter-day Saint. We are taught that sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven. In no other way, as I see it, can the Lord raise up a people who will be fit for the kingdom, who will have it ready for His coming. By offering Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world and the redemption of mankind from death, Jesus set an incomparable example to us in the way of sacrifice and of love for others.

Again, when Abraham and Sarah were commanded of the Lord—requested at least—to give as a sacrifice, their son Isaac, we can imagine what must have gone through their minds. Nevertheless, they met the test. The Lord did it to see how much they loved Him. Abraham was sustained, I am sure, by an unwavering trust in God. I am sure that Abraham knew that to accomplish His purposes, God could, if he desired, raise up Isaac from the dead, even after He had died. But what a lesson that is in service, of dedication, of consecration of that which he dearly loved! No wonder that Abraham was called a "friend of God."

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

An opportunity to demonstrate his love of the Lord was given to another man. He had great possessions, and he had a chance to test his unselfishness when he asked of the Lord, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25.) Now this man had done many good things. He had kept most of the commandments, I understand, but he had become selfish because of his great possessions. Evidently he thought more of them than he did of eternal life, because when told by the Saviour that in order to gain eternal life he should sell whatsoever he had and give to the poor and take up the cross and follow Him, he was sad, and according to the record, ". . . went away grieved: for he had great possessions." (Mark 10:22.) He had not learned the meaning of dedication and of consecration.

Contrast this man with a certain poor widow who cast into the treasury

her two mites, which made a farthing —all that she had. Her contribution amounted to very little in monetary value, about one half of a penny of our money, but it was not the smallness of her offering that made it especially acceptable unto the Lord as He witnessed her placing her money in the treasury, but it was the spirit of sacrifice that she had shown. As He observed others throwing their money into the treasury, the record states:

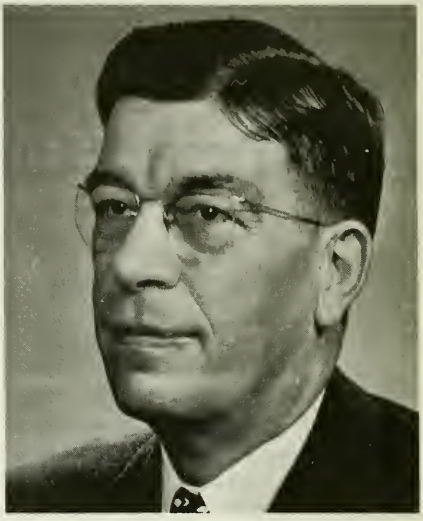
". . . he called unto his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

"For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Ibid., 12:43-44.)

DEDICATION IS REAL NEED

Dedication, it seems to me, in some form, is the real essence of all religion. Dedication to the will of the Lord and to His work is the religion of the Latter-day Saints. In this dispensation of the Gospel, thousands have met the test when called upon to sacrifice their personal positions, their time, and even their lives, in order to establish and defend the kingdom of God upon the earth.

The Prophet Joseph Smith permitted himself to be taken by the mob and



Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

be put to death, and along with him, Hyrum, whose life was lost by an assassin's bullet, and in the same room at the same time, Dr. Willard Richards and John Taylor, who refused to leave him, and Dan Jones, and others who were loyal and devoted and would have given their lives gladly in preference to the Prophet's life. They set an example for us in this dispensation! There is scarcely an end to the list of those who have done likewise or who stand now willing to do all that is required of them. A spirit of dedication, willingness to serve in any capacity and to sacrifice, if necessary, characterizes the true Latter-day Saint.

It was not long ago that I was in one of the stakes in southern Idaho. I was asked to interview five young

men between twenty-five and thirty-five years of age, most of them married and having one or two children, to see if they were ready to receive an office in the Melchizedek Priesthood for which they had been recommended. I received the thrill of my life. Somehow, I decided—I don't know whether I made a mistake or not—but I decided to see what the depth of their willingness to sacrifice was. As each one came into the room, I sat down with him, introduced myself, and became better acquainted with him.

Then I stated that the Church had acquired a great tract of land in Brush Creek and wished to prepare it for settlement for the Saints. The water had to be brought on to it, the brush had to be cleared and the land leveled, homes built, schools erected, and all things must be done from scratch. It would be no easy thing. I said: "If you were asked to, would you take your wife and family and leave what you have and go to Brush Creek and settle it?" Every one of those young men said yes.

DEDICATION—CONSECRATION

I said: "What would your wife think about it?" In every case they said, in effect, "I am sure she would feel as I do, that if the Church required it, we would go." Then I explained that I had concocted the story.

I felt like putting my arms around each of those young men. I commended them, and then I got down on my knees, and I thanked the Lord for such young men of this day who were ready to dedicate, to consecrate, to leave all that they had and go, no matter where they may be called to go and build up Zion. That is the test that we all should be ready to meet.

There is a veritable army of men and women such as these in the quorums, in the missions, and in the wards and stakes, and in all places, where they serve without a thought of compensation. There is no end to the list—the home teachers, who do good jobs, all of those who serve, all of you. It is commendable, and it must be pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Among them, not to be overlooked, are those much unnoticed, unsung men and women, who day after day, month after month, year after year, labour in the temples of the Lord, giving vicarious service on behalf of the dead. Along with them are those who do research work, hiding behind desks and files, where nobody knows about them, spending hours and money and time and energy that the work might be perfected.

It is one thing, you know, to do something for those who can return the goodness and who can thank you, but these people—this great army of those who do vicarious service, who do not expect a return in thanks, at this time at least—I think win our most sincere commendation and our admiration for that type of dedication.

President McKay's Message To Y W M I A

★ A message filled with gratitude for the YWMIA and its accomplishments during its first century was sent the women's auxiliary by President David O. McKay. The Prophet's letter was read during the opening session of the annual conference by Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen.

"It is impossible to estimate the thousands upon thousands of souls who have been influenced, who have in turn instilled faith and the highest ideals of womanhood in their children and their children's children by teachings and inspiration of this organisation."

President McKay said the highest ideal today is love as it may be expressed in marriage and home building.

The 96-year-old prophet appealed to the young women of the Church to "resist the temptations of the world that may come under the heading of 'vanity.'"

He said, "there is a beauty every girl has—a gift from God as pure as sunlight, and as sacred as life. It is a beauty that all true men love, a virtue that wins men's souls. That beauty is chastity. Chastity without skin beauty may enkindle the soul; skin beauty without chastity can kindle only the eye."

The President blessed and commended the young women of the Church for their faithfulness.

YWMIA Centennial

100 Years Past For Youth — 100 Now Ahead!

By Monitor C. Noyce

★ One hundred years ago President Brigham Young was inspired of the Lord to call his children and wives together and to organise them into what the Prophet called the Young Ladies Department of the Cooperation Retrenchment Association.

"Retrench in everything that is bad and worthless, and improve in everything that is good and beautiful," were his instructions.

It began with his family, but through the years the depth and scope of the Retrenchment Association grew, making it Church-wide and its name later changed to the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. With that expansion came the annual conferences of the Association. Wise leadership saw the wisdom and potential of the Association and soon the Young Men's MIA was formed as a companion. Together the two youth arms of the Church have become as stalwart beacons pointing the way to Eternal Life and Salvation to hundreds of thousands of young men and women.

Through numerous activities in drama, music, speech, sports under the influence of Gospel standards the youth have remained true to the teachings and thus each generation has produced the next generation's leaders.

This the Centennial Year the YWMIA flavoured the annual MIA June Conference with "scenes" from 1869 with the YWMIA executives, Gen. Pres. Florence S. Jacobsen and her counselors Sis. Margaret R. Jackson and Sis. Dorothy P. Holt, dressed in costumes of that early Pioneer period.

Sis. Jacobsen baked a 150 lb. centennial cake for the three-day Lion House reception. The cake was baked in the Lion House, Brigham Young's home, next door to the present Church Administration Building in Salt Lake City.

It is expected that centennial balls, patterned after the grand ball of the June Conference, will be held around the world on regional, inter-stake or stake levels and mission (district) levels, on November 28, the actual Centennial date. Floor shows are to be costumed dances of a century ago.

During this year's 70th annual MIA June Conference thousands of members and visitors were entertained through the unique LDS Roadshows, seeing five original productions selected from several states and the Quartet Festival when 10 different groups performed each of the two evenings in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

Magnificent colour and precision was exhibited by 6,500 young men and women as they danced on the green at the University of Utah Stadium, also centennial-oriented.

A 600-voice girls chorus from 64 stakes and the 45-minute film telling the story of the YWMIA and entitled, "Pioneers in Petticoats" were special features of the conference. (The film is to be made available throughout the Church) The chorus introduced the new song, "The Glory of God is Intelligence."

A special centennial plate, an attractive gold medallion to be worn as a necklace or on a charm bracelet, an attractively-decorated linen towel with a centennial design and a special design for making of a centennial quilt, are also available.

Winners of the three annual awards given at MIA June Conference were:

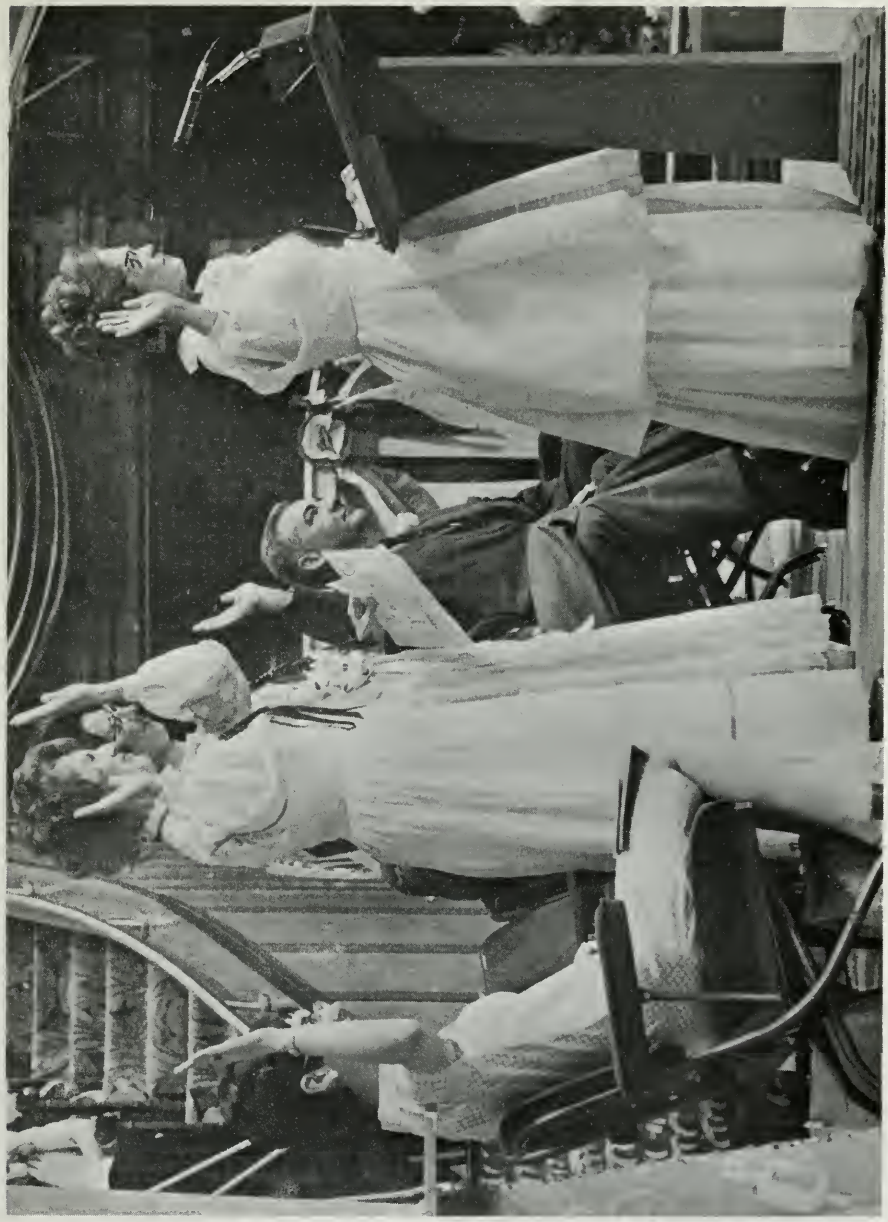
Marvin J. Ashton, first assistant general superintendent of the YMMIA recipient of the Homer "Pug" Warner Award for his outstanding contribution to the YMMIA Athletic programme.

Bro. Clifford I. Cummings, Vienna, Virginia and Elizabeth Thomas Sardoni Salt Lake City, the Honorary M-Man and Golden Gleaner Awards.

Supt. Ashton, a personal friend of the late Homer C. "Pug" Warner, has directed the regional and All-Church YMMIA Athletic programmes since 1940 and has been chairman and director of the All-Church Athletic programme for eight years.

Bro. Cummings, has been assistant director of defense research and engineering for intelligence, reconnaisance and electromagnetic ware with the Department of Defense. He pioneered in the Ranger and Surveyor space programmes to the moon. Bro. Cummings has been a seminary teacher and counselor in a stake presidency.

Sis. Sardoni, now 88, still teaches piano in her home. In 1902 she was appointed to the first YWMIA General Board as organist.



Sustaining of YM and YWMIA general presidencies. At left Pauline Doggett, London Stake YWMIA president, who offered prayer at opening session.

Leaders Of Youth Must Study, Know Truths

★ President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, counseled officers and teachers at the Young Women's MIA Centennial Sunrise Service of June Conference that:

"As leaders it is our responsibility to study and know and understand the Gospel, to understand the purpose of life and one's mission here upon the earth, and by living and teaching these truths help those with whom we are privileged to work to understand and gain a testimony of these things."

Further he said the YW leaders have a responsibility to help the youth of the Church realise the stability, and anchor these truths provide when facing temptations and frustrations in the world today.

"Let us fully realise and accept the fact that if we have no leadership deliquency and no adult delinquency we need not worry about juvenile delinquency."

President Tanner said, "We must do all in our power to help the girls realise what a great honour and privilege it will be to be a Celestial Queen in the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven."

The Glory Of God Is Intelligence

YMMIA Supt. G. Carlos Smith addressing MIA June Conference.

Polka dance, one of 35 specialty numbers in Dance Festival.

"A Blue Ribbon Affair", skit from Mesa, Arizona, in Parent-Youth presentation.

"Never Lose Purpose" MIA Leaders Counseled

"The MIA today has not lost nor should ever lose the purpose and inspiration that prompted its foundings."

President Alvin R. Dyer of the First Presidency told co-workers in the MIA at the organisation's annual conference that "in this, the final dispensation of the Gospel, the doctrines and principles of salvation have been given. The happenings of 'last things' will transpire to culminate God's work.

"Because of this, the programming of the Church must maintain its tempo in the fight against evil to safeguard its members from the deceptions of evil."

He warned the leaders of the Church youth that "if we yield to things of an evil nature, then we too become evil in that performance."

President Dyer outlined three of the calamities which have come upon man and which can destroy the soul of man when the precepts of men rather than the commandments of God are followed.

The first calamity he said is immorality consisting of premarital sex, infidelity and adultery; the second, the harmful indulgences of drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and the unrighteous dominion over the lives of men, as the third.

He declared that the pattern of these commandments as found in the Church must be followed if we are not to be deceived.

ELDER LEE

★ Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, warned MIA leaders that "there is a dangerous tendency to compromise Church doctrines and standards to satisfy the world when only God can change these things.

"It is becoming popular to challenge doctrines and standards under the guise of so-called academic freedom."

Elder Lee said another tendency is that of "thinking it wholesome to dissent against Church institutions and authorities."

He also advised that the home is the most basic and vital of all institutions and that "every Church activity and function should be planned to strengthen, never weaken, the home."

Skit from Mesa, Arizona, entitled "**A Blue Ribbon** Affair."

Introducing

Successful Businessman Heads Scottish Mission

★ A great desire to be of service, unselfishly, to others, is quickly noted in the character of Francis Nephi Grigg and Sister Grigg. Pres. Grigg recently assumed the presidency of the Scottish Mission with headquarters at Edinburgh. He succeeded Pres. Egbert J. Brown. Pres. and Sis. Brown who have returned to their home in Arizona.

Pres. Grigg, a successful Oregon businessman and member of the Nyssa, Ore. Stake High Council, was accompanied on his new assignment by Sis. Grigg and three of their children; David 16, Steven 15 and Jeri 11. The Griggs also have five married daughters and 12 grandchildren.

The founder and former president of the Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., Pres. Grigg has been a member of the H. J. Heinz Co. board which absorbed his firm. He was born at Nampa, Idaho and reared in a family of 13 children. Sister Grigg was born in Emmett, Idaho.

The new president has also spent much time in community, civic and Church activities serving on college trustee boards, the Chamber of Commerce, state assignments, 33 years of service in Boy Scout leadership and holds the Silver Beaver Award.

His formula for success: "Bite off more than you can chew and then 'chew it.'"

The Griggs believe that "the whole purpose of our existence and that which is most enduring, is to be of service to others."

They believe that the big breakthrough to the ailing society "is when one discovers that he has more to live for than being a menace to other people and himself. The role of education in the development process is vital and never ending."

Pres. Francis Nephi Grigg, new president of the Scottish Mission, with Sister Grigg and their sons David, Steven and daughter, Jeri.

Pres. Grigg expressed his view on "free agency" as that each has the right to order his life in whatsoever manner he chooses. But, he adds, "it should always be remembered that the principle of free agency involves both freedom of actions and responsibility for our actions.

"Yes, truth may and will prevail over error but each of us must develop an attitude of willingness to be of service, which involves sacrifice, effort and hard work."

This widely traveled speaker declares "that teaching others how to establish a good home—the foundation of society—and to have the proper spirit in the conduct of that home and the rearing of children in righteousness and harmony—and how for them to be of beneficial service to others in their communtiy and its institutions—are principles of peace that will distill upon the souls of men and result in joy, happiness and success."

Pediatrician Now Doctor Of Souls In The British Mission

★ A Bountiful, Utah, pediatrician, Dr. Wilford Dean Belnap, has assumed the direction of the British Mission, succeeding Pres. Reed Callister who has returned to his home in California accopained by Sister Callister and their daughter.

Pres. Belnap, in Britain for his fifth visit, is accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mary Elen Bennett Belnap, and their six children, Roseann, Paul, Louise, Eric, Grant and David.

Dr. Belnap, born in Salt Lake City, a son of Wilford and Louise Oscarson-Belnap, received his M.D. degree from the University of Utah and was named a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also on the clinical faculty in the department of pediatrics at the U of U's College of Medicine.

He has been a member of the Youth Correlation Committee of the Church, and also an adviser to the Priesthood Genealogy Committee. His Church positions have included that of branch president, counselor in the Bountiful Seventh Ward bishopric, of the Bountiful South Stake, guide on Temple Square for eight years, missionary in Ensign Stake and Washington, D.C. Pres. Belnap is a past president of the Utah State School Boards and past chairman, Pacific Region, National School Boards; and chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Care and Education of the Handicapped.

Sis. Belnap, at the time of their call to Great Britain, was serving as stake YWMIA music director and has served in many capacities in ward and stake auxiliaries. She is a graduate also of the U of U where she was president of the women students in 1947-48. Her parents are Harold H. and Emily Higgs Bennett.

The Belnap family bring to the British Mission many talents including a great love for beautiful music. It is Pres. Belnap's desire that a great youth chorus, involving several hundred young men and women, will be organised in the near future.

Pres. Dean W. Belnap, new president of the British Mission with Sister Belnap and their children, Roseann, Paul, Louise, Eric, Grant and David.

Notice—All University Students

★ Copies of the photographs taken at the 2nd Annual LDS Students Convention held at Sunderland this spring, are now available from:

Roger J. Ball
61 Lostwood Road,
St. Austen, Cornwall

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Clifton I. Johnson Presides Over Central British Mission

★ Clifton I. Johnson, accompained by his wife Josephine and their six children, arrived in Sutton Coldfield on July 4th to take up his duties as President of the Central British Mission.

Pres. Johnson has had plently of experiences to prepare him for his new calling, he was formerly bishop of the Bountiful, Utah, 4th Ward, and in private life, manager of the Canada Life Assurance Co., office in Salt Lake City. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel during World War II.

During 1947 to 1949 he was a missionary in the New England States Mission, and has also taught seminary and been a guide on Temple Square. For four years he was a member of the bishopric in his ward, and after his release served in the Bountiful South Stake Sunday School superintendency. He was ordained bishop of his ward in 1961 after his stake service, and continued in this office until called as Mission President.

Sister Johnson has been active in all the auxiliaries of the Church in various wards, and has also taught in schools in Colorado and Salt Lake City.

Their children include John, 18, Francine Elizabeth 16, Leslie 14, Kathleen 12, Clifton Scott 8, and Timothy 7.

Pres. Clifton I. Johnson, new president of the Central British Mission, his wife Sister Johnson and their children, John, Francine Elizabeth, Leslie, Kathleen, Clifton Scott and Timothy.

RECIPES FOR YOU

MAGIC CHOCOLATE FRENCH FUDGE

★ This super-smooth chocolate rich fudge does not need to be beaten. Makes about ½lb.

1 cup (6oz. package) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sweetened condensed milk
Pinch of salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons ground nuts (if desired)

In top of double boiler melt chocolate over hot water; stir a few times. Remove from heat.

Stir in condensed milk, salt, vanilla and nuts, if used. Stir only until smooth. Turn into waxed paper-lined container. Press into block 1″ high. Refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.

Invert container on cutting board. Lift off container. Peel off paper. With a sharp bladed knife cut fudge into serving pieces. Store in airtight container.

MILE HIGH STRAWBERRY PIE

1 - 10 oz. package frozen strawberries (defrosted)
1 cup sugar
2 egg whites
1 tsp. salt
½ cup heavy cream (whipped)
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla

Place defrosted berries, sugar, egg whites, lemon juice and salt in a large bowl. Whip at medium speed until firm—about 15 minutes. Whip cream, add vanilla and fold into the other mixture. Place in 10″ biscuit crust and chill.

RECIPES FOR YOU

BISCUIT CRUST

For a 10″ pie. Mix 2 cups crushed digestive biscuits with 1 tablespoon melted butter. Press the mixture onto the base and sides of 10″ pie plate.

LEMON SQUASH

1 lemon
¾ lb. lump or granulated sugar
1½ pts. boiling water
1 dessert spoon citric acid

Peel lemon thinly, squeeze out juice, put both in jug, add sugar and citric acid, pour on boiling water, stir well. Leave for about 12 hours, strain and use about 1 tablespoon to a tumbler of water. Keep in refrigeration.

BEAN SALAD

Drain

1 tin green beans
1 tin waxed butter beans
1 tin red kidney beans

Add

1 sliced Spanish onion
1 green pepper

Marinate in

½ cup vinegar
½ cup salad oil
½ - 2/3 cup sugar

Let stand several hours or overnight.

Convert, Missionary Renew Friendship In Salt Lake

By Douglas Palmer

★ It was a meeting of hearts and hands when Mrs. Brian (Bernice) West stepped off the chartered British airliner in Salt Lake City.

There to greet her was LeEtta Pratt, a tall, suntaned girl, who as a missionary 11 years ago, called at the West home in Bristol, England.

The meeting in Salt Lake June 24 was under much different circumstances, with Sister West now a member of the Church and on her way to attend the annual MIA June Conference of the Church. Eleven years ago she and her husband knew little about the Church.

"We felt awkward and considered it inconvenient to join the Church at that time," Sister Ward recalled.

Today she and her husband, a stationery salesman, are MIA supervisors in the Southwest British Mission, a position they have held the past nine years. They also travel extensively throughout the British Isles in connection with MIA work and last June were in charge of an MIA workshop for youth leaders from throughout Europe, held in the Swedish Mission. She and her husband were married in April 1960 in the London Temple.

Sister Pratt, formerly of Downey, Idaho, and now of Salt Lake City, who with a companion called at the West home on a cold, snowy day in January 1958, holds a similar position to that of Sister West in the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. She is Bonneville Region director of the YWMIA in Salt Lake City, with specific assignment over Sports Camp activities for young girls.

She is also secretary to Elder Theodore M. Burton, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and vice president and general manager of The Genealogical Society of the Church.

"We just couldn't understand two young girls coming to our home on bicycles every Friday evening in all kinds of weather," Sister West said. She and her husband, who remained at home in England with their five children while his wife made her first trip to Salt Lake, were baptised members of the Church Sept. 13, 1958, the day Sister Pratt was transferred from

the Bristol District.

Sister West proudly discussed her mission's MIA programme, now running "successfully" in 23 branches.

"The MIA has helped our youth to remain close to the Church and has instilled in them the desire to be married in the temple," she said. "The girls Campcrafter programme is used in every branch."

Sister West said 450 youth are expected to attend a three-day MIA Mission Conference in October. Last October 402 women attended a similar gathering at Torquay, Devonshire.

Miss Pratt gratefully reflects on her association with the Wests, who were "challenging" investigators. But she "knew they would be valiant" in the Church when they did decide to become members.

Sister Brian (Bernice) West, left, and Sister LeEtta Pratt, reflect on diary kept when Sis. West joined the Church Sept. 13, 1958 in Bristol.

Michele McConkie

Michael Hemingway

Two L D S Students Honored At High School

★ Two young L.D.S. students received some of the highest honours awarded by Central High School at Bushey, Hertfordshire, at an awards assembly recently. Michael Hemingway, a priest and a member of Hyde Park Ward in London, and Michele McConkie of High Wycombe Branch, Buckinghamshire, were honoured with a medal and certificates for their excellence in several subjects as well as recognition for service to the school.

Mike was awarded a medal for Music Theory and certificates for outstanding achievement in English, Honour Roll and service. He was a minstrel in the school play, has contributed in all school music activities, played football and served as manager of the basketball team.

Michele was awarded certificates for outstanding achievement in English, Humanities, Honour Roll and Drama.

She received a prize as the "best actress" for her performance as Rosalind in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Mike and Michele were both elected by the faculty of Central High School to the National Honour Society. Their election to this group was based on character, leadership, service and scholarship.

Central High School is organised for American service and govenment families living abroad. It has a student body of over 600.

Mike has been an active member of the Church all of his life. He was born in Salt Lake City but is now enjoying his second stay in England. He has been president of his various priesthood quorums and at the present time is Age Group Counsellor of the M.I.A. In September Mike will attend a branch of the University of Maryland in London but hopes to be called on a mission when he is of age.

Michele was born in Paris, France, lived in New York City, but now calls England "home" as she has resided here for more than seven years. She is a devoted member of the Church and has served as a teacher and chorister in the Junior Sunday School. Michele left England in July to return to the States to attend Brigham Young University.

The Millennial Star salutes Mike and Michele. They are a credit to their families, their country and their Church

Blessings

Our Father gave us eyes,
To see the things He made.

He gave us a nose to smell
The perfume of the flowers.

He gave us ears to hear
The wonderful Gospel words.

He gave us a mouth
To eat food to make us strong.

All these things He made for us
Because He loves us so.

Wendy Crawford, Age 11 years
Cavehill Branch,
Belfast,
N. Ireland

John Cook, Liverpool, with his painting accepted by the Royal Academy.
(Photograph courtesy Oldham Chronicle.)

Young L D S Artist's Work Accepted By Royal Academy

★ It was an exciting day for John Cook, 19 year-old artist at the Kaskenmoor Schools, Hollinwood, when he received the news that one of his paintings had been accepted by the Royal Academy.

The painting, a seascape, had been presented to Mr. Leslie Hale, M.P., at the school's speech day earlier in the year.

Mr. Hale showed the picture to Mr. James Fitton, a member of the Royal Academy, who suggested that it be submitted to the Academy for consideration. The painting was accepted and now hangs in the Royal Academy of Art.

John is the third son of the late John Cook, the Lancastrian genealogist. His mother, Doris, is also a genealogist and researcher.

John is now studying for his 'A' levels prior to entering the Manchester College of Art. He is a priest and secretary of the Y.M.M.I.A. Oldham/Ashton Ward in Lancashire.

★ ★ ★

Impetus Given Seminary Programme By Leader

THERE IS STILL TIME—ENROLL TODAY
See Your Bishop or Branch President

★ The Saints in Great Britain were brought into the picture of the great educational programme of the Church recently when Dr. William E. Berrett, administrator of Seminaries and Institutes visited in London. Dr. Berrett, was on the last phase of his globe-circling tour, along with Sis. Berrett, to give added emphasis to the importance of every youth, 14-18 enrolling in the Seminary programme.

Sister Ann Hunt, teacher, South London Ward, discusses Seminary with James R. Moss, supervisor.

He met with the brethren recently appointed to expand the Seminary Programme in the British Isles, stake and mission presidents, bishops, etc.) The four assigned to introduce this programme beginning in September are:

John M. Madsen, Division Coordinator in England and Wales; J. Wesley Christensen, Division Coordinator of Seminaries in the Scotland-Ireland District; David P. Parkinson and James R. Moss as home study supervisors.

Dr. Berrett disclosed that in 1969 the Church was maintaining 254 full-time seminaries and approximately 2,500 part-time seminaries, with more than 120,000 students in secondary school receiving daily religious instruction in all of the states of the United States, six provinces of Canada, in Mexico, Guatemala. and at U.S. military bases in many parts of the world.

Talking Seminary, from left, Pres. Belnap, Pres. Child, Pres. Hamstead, Dr. Berrett, Bro. Moss, Bro. Madsen.

There are 80 full-time and 180 part-time institutes of Religion adjacent to as many universities and colleges serving the religious needs of 40,000 Mormon students as they attend other than Church institutions of higher learning,

The Church aslo maintains a system of 31 elementary schools and secondary schools in the Republic of Mexico in addition to the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah; LDS Business College in Salt Lake City; Ricks College at Rexburgh, Idaho and the Church College at Hawaii at Laie.

The Church operates the largest and most modern school in the Tongan Is-

Sister Margo Payne, Croydon Branch, talks about Seminary with John M. Madsen, supervisor. In background, Pres. Donald Hemingway of London Stake presidency.

lands, Liahona High School and nine elementary side schools which enroll more than 1,500 students.

The four-year high school Church College of New Zealand, dedicated in 1958, now enrolls 850 students.

Four schools are also located in the American and Western Samoan Islands The Mapusaga High School in American Samoa, dedicated in 1960, has 365 students enrolled. The first adult education programme in these islands began in 1963 with 80 graduating from a starting class of 250. The adult programme was sponsored by the government and the Church school staff taught the classes.

Western Samoa has three schools, the largest at Psega near Apia, the capital city, with 1,400 students enrolled.

A multi-million dollar school plant houses the fast growing Church College of Hawaii, founded by the Church in 1955 and dedicated by President David O. McKay in 1959. Students attend from the Far East, New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii, mainland United States, and many of the South Pacific islands. Enrollment in 1967 was 1,036 students.

The Papeete Primary School in Tahiti dedicated in 1964 has 479 students.

In 1964 a new programme of education under the direction of the Church the "Association Mormon Educationaly Cultural" was begun in Chile in South America and now has three elementary schools operating in the Santiago area with 377 students enrolled.

Dr. Berrett disclosed that total enrollment in all of these institutions is 200,000,plus BYU with another 22,000.

He said the Seminary Home Study programme will begin in Great Britain in September as a result of the fine response to the early morning programme introduced this past year. Tried first in several stakes and missions in America, the home study programme is readily accepted and can be used where there may be only a few students and where transportation is a major problem.

He explained students are given lesson materials for a week, in advance. They may work them as fast or as slow as they wish. Once a week they are to meet with the teacher and once a month a whole stake, or a large portion of a mission will get together (usually on a Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, with the Seminary supervisor) and after lunch they meet for two hours of sports and recreation directed by the MIA. While these activities go on with the students the faculty members meet with the Seminary supervisor.

Dr. Berrett said considerable study was made into the programme before

Continued on page 75

Distinguished Couple Serve Missions In British South

★ Recently called as missionaries to the British South Mission and assigned presently to the Slough Branch are Bro. and Sis. Robert W. Stewart of Hollywood, Calif.

Sis. Ora Pate Stewart is a descendant of converts from Burnley, England (on her father's side) 1840 and her mother's side from Northampton, both handcart pioneers.

She is an authoress of great note and has won numerous national and international awards for her writing, poetry, musical compositions and public speaking. Cherished among these are the Distinguished Service Award, BYU, 1967; ASCAP, 1967; National First place (four time) National League of American Pen Women; Gold Medal from International Poetry Shrine, 1969; World Poetry, 1969 (India) United

Elder Robert Wilson Stewart and Sister Ora Pate Stewart, with her family genealogy record.

International Poets Laureate, 1969 and is included in 20 different Who's Who, three of which are published in London.

The authoress of 22 books, she has also written 17 songs, numerous radio and motion picture scripts.

Her song, "To A Child" has been adopted as the national official song of The American Mothers of the Year (New York). An English printing of the song has been delivered to Deseret Enterprises in Mitcham. Demand for this song is world-wide.

Church books having received widest circulation include: A Letter To My Daughter, A Letter To My Son, God Planted a Tree, 19th edition; Branches Over the Wall, We Believe, From Where I Stood, and the timely Dear Land Of Home.

Sis. Stewart served a mission in the Eastern States, 1931-34 and was married to Robert Stewart in 1935 (Logan Temple). They have seven sons and daughters the youngest, Wendell, is awaiting his mission call this fall; and 11 grandchildren.

She has served on stake boards of the auxiliaries and taught Gospel Doctrine class for 35 years. At the time of her call to the British South Mission she was stake president of the YWMIA and president of the Hollywood Branch of National League of American Pen Women, and slated as California State president of Pen Women in 1970-72.

With the National Artist and Lecture Service since 1953, Sis. Stewart has been one of the most popular programme speakers in America. While in Great Britain she is willing to do free programmes of inspiration, humour and uplift, wherever she is asked —with permission from the mission president. These programmes are top level entertainment and entirely in keeping with missionary service.

Elder Stewart has also distinguished himself. He attended the University of Utah and at an early age joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. A career officer, he rose to the rank of full colonel and during World War II commanded bases in North Africa, Italy and Guam. While in the service he graduated from the University of Michigan.

In the Church he has served as Scoutmaster, Explorer leader, stake YMMIA board, branch president, secretary to the High Priest Quorum, and most recently was Ward Sunday School superintendent. He also served as a high councilman.

Bro. Stewart achieved fame as a command pilot, stunt pilot and a test pilot.

Wards and branches may be in touch with the Stewarts at 5 Wheatlands Road, Langley, Slough.

NEWS

GLASGOW STAKE

★ Ethel Cordelia Scott Hosie who joined the Church in 1895, was a proud woman as she assisted Bishop John Thomson to turn the first spade of earth for the long awaited chapel at the Springboig Ward on June 30th. The ceremony was witnessed by Stake Pres. David M. Porch, his counsellors, and over 100 members. Following a hymn and prayer, brief talks were given by the Bishop, Stake Pres, Horace Foote, Supervisor of Construction, and Janet Finlay.

The ground was purchased about 5 years ago, but building permission was

Bishop John Thomson and Sister Hosie break ground for Springboig Chapel.

not granted until the saints appealed to the Scottish Secretary of State, Mr. W. Ross, who gave sanction immediately. Construction will begin at once, and should be completed in less than a year.

SCOTTISH SEXTETTE DANCE AT JUNE CONFERENCE

★ Four young ladies and two young men represented Glasgow Stake in the M.I.A. Dance Festival at Salt Lake City on June 27/28th. They were Deidre Crawford, Evelyn Gilchrist, Janet Patterson, Margaret Stevenson, Gary Boyle and Andrew Kirk.

This is the first experience for young people from the stake to participate in a June Conference Festival. Their speciality numbers were Scottish Highland Dances and the young men were dressed in kilts and the young ladies wore white dresses with tartan sashes.

BRITISH MISSION

★ The CHELMSFORD Branch Sunday School had a day outing to Lowestoft on June 21st. Eighteen adults and 16 children left the chapel at 8 a.m. for what was to be a very enjoyable day. The weather was sunny but very windy and the brethren kept warm by playing beach cricket. Most of the children and two of the men braved the cold sea.

The sisters and their husbands were in full attendance at the Relief Society closing social on June 28th, when a chicken salad dinner was served. After dinner, fun and games were organised by President Elizabeth Jest, and everyone had a very good time.

Friday July 11th was the turn of the M.I.A. to hold a fund raising social. The theme was American Independence day and the American Mormons from the U.S. Airbase at Weathersfield were invited to attend. A surprise visit was made by the new British Mission President, Dean S. Belnap and his wife. Essex District Pres. Harold Hunt was compere for the evening and games included Pass the Parcel, Here come the Indians, which had everyone on the run, and Musical Chairs. As it was also Pres. Hunt's birthday, he was presented with an iced cake from the branch members and crowned "King of Mirth"; he certainly lives up to his title.

A total of £10 was collected to be used to help finance the cost of fares to the convention in September.

★ The 2nd Gorleston Sea Scouts have recently been formed, attached to GORLESTON Branch. They held a Jumble Sale on June 28th and raised £15 towards camping equipment.

★ In the NORWICH District Sports positions were as follows: Norwich first, Gorleston second, and Lowestoft third.

From left, Lani Moe, Rose Moe, John Perry (Southport Branch) Naniloa Moe and Tau Moe. (Photograph courtesy Southport Visiter.)

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ A short time ago, many members of the SOUTHPORT Branch welcomed and enjoyed the entertaining act put on by the Tau Moe Family from Hawaii.

The entertainers Tau Moe, his wife Rose, son Lani, and daughter Naniloa, are all Mormons. This famous foursome are appearing at many of the world's top entertainment centres with an act full of colour, excitement, entertainment and most of all pure talent.

Tau Moe and his family always set an example by keeping the high standards required of Mormons. Many of their friends in show business, when appearing on the same bill, try to give up smoking and drinking during the time that they are appearing together, showing the respect they have for this warm, friendly and most happy family.

GOLF TEAM FROM B.Y.U. VISIT SOUTHPORT BRANCH

★ At a recent Sunday morning Priest-Branch, the local members were agreeably surprised and pleased when seven smartly dressed visitors turned up to swell their ranks, and later take an active and interesting part in the

BYU Golf team include Lane Bennett, Jack Chapman, Chip Garriss, Rusty Guernsey, Don Hawken and Ray Leach, and their coach Karl Tucker.

Liverpool District Relief Society on their outing to Tatton Park.

lesson discussion. They were members of the Brigham Young University Golf team who had come over to this country with their coach, Karl Tucker, to play matches against English and Scottish University teams.

While in Southport they played in the British Universities Sports Federation Golf Championships as the only guest team to be invited. They put up a very good show to finish in third place, the blustery weather conditions having an adverse effect on the visitors.

Coach Tucker however was very pleased with the progress being made by the team, having played and won three matches prior to visiting Southport. Karl, a well-known golfer in his own right, has been a coach at B.Y.U. for the past eight years. In addition to teaching golf, he is also the university's ski-ing instructor, so he is kept extremely busy all the year round.

After their match at Southport, the team took the opportunity to travel further up the coast to Lytham to watch another Mormon golfer, the famous Billy Casper, compete in the British Open Golf Championship, caddied by John Allen, a member of the Southport Branch.

★ SCUNTHORPE Branch planned their Fathers and Sons camp for weeks in advance, but deterioration in the weather brought some apprehension for many, but not for 2nd Couns. Bill Hadley, whose faith was strong enough to ward off any inclement elements. The day dawned at last with heavy rain showers and cool winds, but at the time of departure at 6 p.m.

a clear sky and warm sun gladdened the hearts of everyone. The camping ground was in a partly worked out sand quarry reverting back to nature. A little exploring, a quick meal and a rousing sing-song around a blazing camp-fire to the accompaniment of Bill Collier's mouth organ, brought the end of the day.

The boys were up at 5 a.m. the next morning, anxious that their dads should get up too, but it took the arrival of the WORKSOP branch contingent, who proceeded to let the tents down, to get some of the men out of bed. Breakfast in the sunshine was followed by some light games and a spell of sand cliff climbing. Then they tried to follow some bird and animal tracks and this led to a ramble, exploring bushy and boggy country. Back at the camp a baseball game was organised, which provided a lot of fun. Lunch was followed by a few hours of steady rain, but they remained undaunted and either dozed, listened to the radio - or played indoor games. The weather cleared before they broke camp and left the Worksop boys to spend their night in the wilderness.

★ On June 10th another Folk Evening was held in LIVERPOOL, and proved even more successful than the first. One hundred twenty-five people attended and they were entertained with guitar playing, singing and dancing by the Southport Swords, aided by "the Whistling". Light refreshments were served and the success of the evening was due to Ron Joynson, John Miller, and Alan Duval.

★ The LIVERPOOL District M.I.A. Dance Festival was held at the District Centre on June 14th. The decorations were quite exotic, ladies in crinolines, made from thousands of small white paper flowers, were attached to the walls by Ann Beare, and it was truly a beautiful sight. The festival featured a display of folk dancing by Liverpool, St. Helens, and Warrington branches. A ballroom dancing competition was won by Bro. and Sis. Watson of Southport, and Peter and Phyllis Gibson of Liverpool jointly for the quickstep, by Tom Starr and Beryl Brown for the waltz, and Michael and Yvonne Nugent for the cha cha.

A display of modern ballroom dancing was given by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Trainer, and the competition was judged by Miss Vernon Johnson of the Vernon Johnson School of Dance, a most unenviable task, which she survived most gracefully and then taught everyone the Harlem Shuffle.

★ The District Sports Day was held on June 21st, and the Shield was won by Liverpool; again by sheer weight of support and purpose, unfortunately

only four of the ten branches sent in any competition but those who participated enjoyed themselves.

★ In place of a closing social, the CROSBY Relief Society decided to see the delightful musical film "Oliver". Seven sisters attended. The evening ended at 10.45 p.m. as they departed in various directions to catch their buses for home.

★ On June 21st the LIVERPOOL District Relief Society organised a coach trip to Tatton Park near Knutsford. Altogether 16 sisters attended and they arrived at the park about 1 p.m. After a picnic lunch in the grounds they went on a tour of the beautiful old house. Formerly the home of the Egerton Family, the furnishings, paintings and books are still as they used to be many years ago.

Among the family treasures are paintings by Canaletto and other famous painters, and the library contains many antique books. There was also a collection of Delft china, and in the hallway, some really old fashioned leather fire buckets. The kitchen contained a roasting spit and brass moulds for the various dishes of the day.

From the house they went into the Museum and saw two old fire engines originally drawn by horses, and a state coach used by the family at a coronation. After examining the display cases and curiosities the sisters went for a walk in the beautiful gardens and park which surrounded the house. They cover 60 acres and include an Orangery, which has growing in it oranges, lemons, bananas and exotic plants. Also a New Zealand Fernery, which trees are said to have been brought to England in 1818, and a Japanese garden, with a Shinto temple on an island set in the Golden Brook. Roaming freely over the parkland are herds of sheep and cattle.

After admiring all these wonders the sisters had their photograph taken by the bus driver, and then started on their journey for home, after a rather tiring but enjoyable day.

★ A Play, plus a Bring and Buy Sale, was planned by the ECCLES Branch on July 4th to help support two Missionaries from the Preston District.

The M.I.A. members staged the play entitled "When the Roses Bloom Again", which had gained them 3rd place in the District Speech and Drama Festival at Rawtenstall; it was a great success.Then followed the offical opening of the Bring and Buy Sale by Elizabeth Noham. Later on Maurice Noham sold cakes that the sisters had made and raised £9. Proceeds from the whole evening totalled £15 - 10s - 0d., a praiseworthy effort.

★ On July 5th a Farewell Party was held in the Cultural Hall at Carlisle, for Ruth and Stewart Irvine and their two small sons, David and Howard, prior to their emigrating to Toronto, Canada. After a lovely supper prepared by Jean Harrison and Catherine Willia-

mson, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games arranged by Evelyn Mole.

A silver cake dish was presented to Bro. and Sis. Irvine by Pres. Gerald Ramsbottom, and David received a beautiful Bible from the Primary. Over the past few years, Bro. Irving has served as 1st counsellor in the Branch Presidency, and as Branch clerk. At the time of his release he was Supervisor. Sister Irving has served as a counsellor in the District and President in the Branch Relief Society for a number of years, and was M.I.A. President for a short while before her departure. Everyone wishes them success and happines in their new life.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ On June 14th sisters of the HYDE Ward held a sale of work and Garden Party at the home of Sister Hulme. Stake Relief Society Pres. Doreen Preston opened the affair watched by about 60 members and friends.

The day began by being pleasant and warm, and this was partly responsible for the good attendance. Unfortunately the weather changed towards the end of the afternoon, but not before £38 had been raised, £18 was retained for the Relief Society funds and £20 donated to the Ward Building Fund, which now stands at £1,000.

Hyde Ward has a small Relief Society with an average attendance of 10, and the success of this event was due to forward planning and the unselfish support given by the sisters.

★ Robert I. Preston, eldest son of Bishop and Sister Preston of Ashton/Oldham Ward, has successfully graduated from Liverpool University, and has obtained an Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.

He is 21 years of age and an Elder in the Church and is engaged to Patricia Garniss of Ashton So it is congratulations all round for Robert.

★ A most enjoyable Car Rally and Treasure Hunt was held by the ASHTON/OLDHAM Ward, in the Peak District of Eyam and Edale on June 28th. The weather was glorious and all felt that it was a very enjoyable way of spending a pleasant Saturday afternoon. The rally was planned by Robert Preston and Patricia Garniss, and some of the clues provided a very good talking point for the rest of the weekend.

The successful entrants were Albert Evans and his family, who had Jacqueline Garniss as their navigator. They received their prize at a dance in the evening in the Cultural hall, where Julian Leah acted as Master of Ceremonies.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ After a fortnight's frenzied preparation period of renovation and redecoration, Sunday 8th was a red-letter day for the HEREFORD Branch, as that

was the date the first meetings were held in their recently purchased meeting house.

A combined Sacrament/Thanksgiving service almost caused the building to be filled to overflowing. Myra Burton and Audrey Prosser spoke on behalf of the sisters of the branch, the missionary elders spoke on the advantages the new building had in introducing investigators to the Church.

Ken Gorman, who was instrumental in supervising the work on the building, thanked everyone for their efforts in having the building ready on time, and Mission Pres. and Sister George I. Cannon were guest speakers. Musical numbers were provided by the Primary children, the Singing Mothers' Chorus, and the M.I.A. Choir. Mary Gorman was the pianist and Julie Prosser the Choirister for the meeting which was conducted by Pres. George Burton.

On behalf of the branch, Pres. and Sister Cannon were presented with a tapestry depicting the River Wye flow ing past the Hereford Cathedral. The presentation was made, and the tapestry worked, by Audrey Prosser. Pres. Cannon then gave to the branch a beautiful Quadruple Combination on behalf of the Mission Presidency.

★ On June 21st NORTHAMPTON Branch held its Annual Spring Fair. in the Cultural hall. There were brightly coloured stalls all around selling cakes, clothes, toys, skirts, tinned foods and white elephants. There were also amusements such as darts and other side shows. The fair was a success and £35 was made for the Branch Budget.

★ Over 90 Fathers and Sons from the Mission gathered at Lathkill Dale, Nr. Bakewell, Derbyshire on June 13th for their annual weekend camp. Throughout the afternoon and evening cars were arriving and men and boys were busy pitching tents. Later in the evening a campfire was started and a sing-song followed by a supper of sausage and rolls with hot chocolate.

Saturday morning following breakfast the whole party journeyed over to Castleton, where a visit was paid to the Treak Cavern, where "Blue John" is mined. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring Lathkill Dale and playing games. Later in the evening a banquet was held, followed by entertainment presented by each district.

On the Sunday morning a testimony meeting was held before breakfast, and after the meal a Priesthood meeting was held where the members of the Rugby Branch presented a short dramatization of the first missionaries to arrive in England. This was followed by speakers from each district, and talks from Bro. Porter, the Aaronic Priesthood Advisor for the Mission, and President George I. Cannon.

The party then ate a light lunch and prepared to depart after enjoying a wonderful camping week-end.

HEREFORD BRANCH

★ On a brilliantly sunny day, seventeen children and three of their teachers boarded the bus to take them on their Primary picnic, their destination

Central British Mission Father and Sons camp at Lathkill Dale.

being the British Camp, situated on the Malvern Hills. On arrival, the children proceeded in Indian file, each carrying some of the food needed for their picnic.

They scaled the hills until they reached a somewhat flat plateau which they made the final ascent to the top of the hill, known as the Herefordshire Beacon. On completing their task, they admired the view from the height of 1,150 feet above sea level.

When they returned to the main party, another game was organised while the young male members of the party went off on a short ramble. Afterwards everyone sat down and enjoyed the refreshments provided by Audrey Prosser and Myra Burton. To enable the food to be properly digested a rest period was decided upon, and during this time they were joined by the Midlands West District M.I.A. who were partaking in a ramble.

Time to re-board the coach came all too quickly, and the party arrived back in Hereford quite safely, but with a few bruised and aching limbs. The outing was organised and supervised by George and Myra Burton and Barbara Hughston

---

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ Saturday June 28th was a sunny day fortunately for those 60 or so people who went on the BILLINGHAM Ward Sunday School trip to Runswick Bay. Despite the fact that high tide occured at the beginning of the afternoon, the members, especially the children, enjoyed the sea air. Naturally everybody appreciated the free pop and crisps which were handed round.

A Barn Dance was held later on in the Ward Cultural Hall to which all ward members and members from other nearby wards were invited. The hall was decorated with bales of straw and many of the dancers dressed appropriately for the occasion. Refreshments of sausages beans and potatoes were served, followed by trifle and chocolate crunch. The evening was a real success.

★ The Relief Society held a Turkey Dinner and Concert in the NEWCASTLE Ward on June 30th and about 80 saints paid 5/- each to enjoy the evenings events. Carol Pulley inspired the sisters to cook the delicious meal on the premismises when it was feared that it may have been too ambitious to do so, but, as the old saying goes, the proof was in the eating. The Spring Vegetable soup, turkey and stuffing with vegetables, followed by a mouth-watering ice-cream pie, was evidence enough of first class fare.

The entertainment after the meal was compered by Jerral Pully, and he introduced various items, including a brother from Blyth, who delighted the audience with his selection of tunes on the Scottish bagpipes as he strode the stage in his full tartan regalia. Evelyn Wigham, Heather Bateman and Angela Selkirk were in fine voice as they sang, and Angela also sang a solo. Shake-

speare would have frowned if he had seen the ward's presentation of "Macbeth", but he would have agreed that it was a laughter tonic as the cast combined ancient dialogue with modern vernacular. Bill Maudlin, as Macbeth, received special applause for the way he was able to cope with a long and difficult script. Dick For, or "Ricardo", as he is known, provided a top class performance of magic which fascinated both young and old alike. Dick, a member of the Sunderland Ward, was a recent guest at Northumberland College of Education, Ponteland, when he entertained a number of school children at a week-end camp for under-privileged youngsters.

★ A Farewell Party was held on Thursday July 10th for Patricia Standing, who left the Ward three days later to join her family in Leeds. Pat has served well as an assistant in the Y.W.M.I.A. and after Bishop Curryer had presented her with a farewell gift, Trudi Cooper paid tribute to her sterling qualities as a Latter-dy Saint.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ A Visiting Teachers Seminar was held at Hartley Chapel on June 14th, where presentations were made to Sister Mitchell of Bideford Branch, for 100% visiting, and to Plymouth Branch for reactivating the most members during the previous six months.

★ On June 21st the PLYMOUTH Branch Relief Society held a Summer Fair at Hartley, and the glorious sunshine encouraged many more people to attend than had been expected.

Geoffrey Reeson, who was a counselor in the Plymouth Branch Presidency, emigrated to America on July 26th. His wife Violet, who is a Mision Relief Society Counselor, and their three children are due to follow him in September.

Plymouth District Relief Society presidency, from left, Margaret Marshall, 2c; Jean Knowles, 1c; Ann Benton-Coleman, sec.; and Pres. Sylvia Blott, seated.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ Nine Wards and Branches took part in the Stake Music Festival on June 7th which was organised by Barbara Waldrom, Stake Music Director, and

compered by Jean M. Taverner of Leicester.

The standard of entries was much higher than in previous years, and from 60 competitors judges Mabel Hill of Eastweed, Joyce Hammond of Hucknall and Michael Johnson, visiting from Southampton, chose the following winners

Y.M. Solo. George Stephenson, Eastwood. Y.W. Solo. Margaret Bowcutt. Loughborough. Duet Lynda McCahon and Cathy Smith, Birmingham. Trio Annette Green, Margaret Palmer and Jim Bakewell, Leicester. Choral. Walsall Branch. Instrumental. Gordon Keyte Birmingham. Instrument and Vocal. David Mace and Gordon Keyte, Birmingham. Quartet. Leicester Ward.

Whilst waiting for the results the Leicester Ward Trio led the 150 strong audience in a round and entertained with a song. The results were then announced, and the certificates will be presented at the next Leadership meeting.

★ When BIRMINGHAM Ward M.I.A. held their closing social on July 22nd, they invited the Woodsetton Ward and Walsall Branch to join them. The theme was a "Flower Dance" and the hall was decorated with colourful paper streamers and flowers. Everyone entered into the spirit by wearing floral fancy dress or other appropriate outfits.

Credit for the enjoyable medley of dance during the evening was due to John Bond of Woodsetton, while Lynda Keytes and Maureen Cuthbert from Birmingham were responsible for the much appreciated fruit punch and refreshments. Everyone agreed that the joint activity was great fun so on the following Tsursday Woodsetton returned the hospitality by inviting the Birmingham M.I.A. to a Sports evening of Volleyball, basketball and five-a-side football.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ John Wilde, Stevenston Branch, received confirmation of Examination results on June 17th. This gives him his Master Butcher's Diploma, which is a remarkable achievement as he has not fully completed his apprenticeship. Congratulations John.

★ On July 11th, GREENOCK Relief Society sponsored an Italian Night for the Building Fund. Spaghetti and meat balls, drinks and biscuits were served after which there was entertainment in the form of "Black-outs" and the singing of Folk songs.

★ Massed pipe bands, a Barbecue and a fireworks display provided a Grand Finale for Aberdeen's Festival Fortnight, and competition for the Aberdeen Branch Relief Society Jumble Sale. The sisters however felt that they did quite well as they took over £14.

★ On July 10th, the Relief Society Sisters of the Aberdeen Branch held a Wedding Shower for Lily Ann Bruce. Relief Society Pres. Frances Dunlop and Moira Kemp who both come from

New Zealand suggested the party, as it is a custom in both New Zealand and America. Each sister gave the bride a small gift for use in her kitchen, such as a butter dish, can-opener pastry cutters, kitchen towels etc. Then they all enjoyed a snack of sausage rolls made by Peggy Albiston and a sweet called Pavlova made by Pres. Dunlop, and other delicious goodies. Fun and games followed and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. The Branch presented the future bride with a Sheep Skin rug and a box of kitchen towels.

★ At the Cheltenham Festival of Arts, Nicola C. Chapman of the Worcester Branch, Central British Mission, gained first place for Greek Dancing solo in the 6 to 8 years age group, obtaining a Silver medal with a certificate of distinction in the same class. Remarks on her certificate stated that the use of her arms and hands were beautiful and rythmical. She also received a certificate of merit for dancing a ballet solo.

Nichola's mother is kept busy sewing the many dance costumes that she has. In the photograph she is wearing an Orange Leotard with pale orange, lemon and white chiffon with gold braid in her portrayal of a Grecian dance. "Sunrise".

Nicola Chapman promising young dancer.

Four Generations Join Church

★ This is the story of every missionary's dream and it began last year in Greenock. Scotland, when May Fielding and her 14 year old daughter Elaine noticed a large picture of Moroni while they were on holiday there.

The picture just seemed to stand out in front of them, and they stopped to admire it. A voice from behind them asked if they were interested in the picture, and if they would like to know about it. After learning about Moroni, they filled out a card giving their name and address in Halesowen, Worcestershire, and then went on their way.

A few weeks later the referral card was received in the Central British Mission and Elders Drew S. Hamilton and Kenneth G. Bills contacted the family and made an appointment. At first it seemed that only Elaine was interested, as Mr. Fielding was out and Mrs. Fielding sat there knitting, but before the discussion was over she was listening intently and the knitting lying idly in her lap. She invited them to return and stated that although her husband was not religiously minded, he would probably come to the next meeting.

The elders presented "The Trial of the Stick of Joseph" by Jack West, (slides and tape) to the Fieldings at their next meeting. Imagine their surprise and delight to find that Elaine had invited some of her school friends to watch also. Everyone was impressed with the film and gained a strong desire to read the Book of Mormon.

ANOTHER INTERESTED

A few days later while tracting in another part of the town the missionaries met a Mr. Young, who asked if they were the Mormons teaching the Fielding family at Bournes Hill? When they said "Yes", he told them that he was Mrs. Fieldings father, and how when they had visited them a few days before all they could talk about was the film they'd seen, and the Book of Mormon. He also stated that his wife was planning to attend Church with them the following Sunday.

It was disappointing when none of them arrived at the Church, but it was due to genuine illness and accident, and not because of disinterest as the elders feared. At the next meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Young were also present and as the discussion advanced, it seemed as though the two families were giving the lesson themselves and getting all the right answers.

They had a little trouble with the

Four generations join Church in Central British Mission. From left, Constance Young, Peter C. Young, James L. Fielding (their son-in-law) May P. Fielding (their daughter), baby Cheryl Powell, (great-granddaughter) Linda Powell (granddaughter) Vincent S. Powell (her husband) Elaine Fielding (girl missionaries contacted) Steven Fielding, Elders Bills and Hamilton.

Word of Wisdom, as Mr. Fielding was a heavy smoker, but Elaine was determined that they were all going to live it. She had another friend at this discussion, Jasmin Beatrup, and Jasmin was trying to get her mother interested too. The fact that Mr. Fielding was eventually able to give up smoking and drinking made a great impression on his parents-in-law, and they requested meetings in their own home.

After many worrying moments over various problems, the elders finally fixed a date for baptising the Fielding family, and also made arrangements to start teaching their eldest daughter and her husband, Linda and Vince Powell.

At first they were sceptical about the Church and tried to persuade their parents not to be baptised, but their attitude changed slightly and they attended the baptismal service on Nov. 15th 1968, when Bro. and Sis. Fielding,

Elaine and their young son Stephen were baptised along with two of Elaines friends, Jasmin Beatrup and Carol Smith.

MORE BAPTISMS

Two weeks later the Youngs arranged for their baptism, and in the meantime Linda and Vince had been having discussions and were anxious to be baptised as soon as possible. The Youngs felt it would be wonderful to be baptised at the same time as their granddaughter, and so they changed their date from Nov. 24th to Nov. 29th to make this possible. Even then there were many problems. Sister Young was suffering from bronchitis and her husband has only half of one lung and an enlarged heart, also a broken back which is in a brace. The brace had to be removed before he entered the water. However they showed their tremendous faith and were determined to overcome these difficulties.

Since their baptisms they have all tried to interest their friends and neighbours in the Church. Brother Young even went into his local pub, and told his old friends to put down their drinks and serve the Lord.

The elders who taught the three families said that they felt the Spirit of the Lord more in these meetings than they had ever felt it before, and they know that the others felt it too.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ To Kenneth and Mary Gorman, Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Amanda.

★ June 3rd—To Craig and Kathryn Penney, Ashton/Oldham Ward, Manchester Stake, a son, Daniel Luke.

★ June 5th—To Keith and Margaret Blackwell, Gorleston Branch, British Mission, a daughter, Lorraine.

★ June 10th—To George and Edna Rochalle, Hartlepool Ward, Sunderland Stake, a son, Sean.

★ June 16th To Boris and Elizabeth Roberts, Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a son, Charles Matthew.

★ June 27th—To Allan and Anne Ingram, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter, Maureen.

★ July 6th—To Douglas and Valerie Watling, Chelmsford Branch, British Mission, a son, Geoffrey Spencer.

MARRIAGES

★ On July 12th the wedding took place in the Aberdeen Chapel of Alistair William Pringle Rae and Lily Ann Bruce. The ceremony was conducted by Branch Pres. Alistair Smith. Mrs. Hazel Milne, the brides twin sister, was

Matron of Honour. The bridesmaids were Caroline Taylor, brides niece and Lynn Parle, a friend. Alistair Parle acted as bestman.

The bride wore a long white chiffon dress with a train and a three tier veil edged with lace, she carried a bouquet of lily of the valley, pale cream roses and friesia. The bridesmaids dresses were of gold Milano satin and they carried posies of flowers.

The groom is a L/Cpl serving with the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders Military Band in Minden, Germany. The couple will make their home in Germany. During the ceremony, at the request of the bride, Marcella McRae sang a solo, "The Holy City" to the 100 guests and members who were in attendance. They spent their honeymoon at the London Temple before leaving for Germany.

★ Carol Matilda Cuming became the bride of William James McBride at the Holywood Road Chapel in Ireland on June 7, 1969. District Pres. John J. Owens performed the ceremony.

The bride and groom greeted friends Mrs. I. Leslie and Miss Zetta McBride, sister of the groom. Mervyn McBride brother of the groom was best man.

The bride and groom greated friends in the Cultural Hall after the ceremony and later were served a lovely dinner prepared by Doris Owens and Harriet Morrow, and served by friends of the bride, also in the Cultural Hall. A short programme and dancing followed.

Bro. & Sis. McBride then traveled to the London Temple where they were sealed for time and eternity, on June 9. They honeymooned for a week in London before returning to Belfast where they are now greeting friends at 19 York Park, Belfast 15.

★ The wedding took place on June 7th in San Diego, California, between Catherine Mary Andrew, formerly of Aberdeen Branch, and Gary Le Roy Greaves. Catherine now works in a bank, and her husband owns a Beauty Shop.

Alistair Rae and Lily Bruce after wedding in Aberdeen Chapel.

Bro. and Sis. William McBride married June 7.

John Hughes and Eileen Walker of Burnley Branch, married at Rawtenstall Chapel.
(Photo courtesy Burnley Express.)

Cathy Andrew and Gary Greaves married in California.

★ "Wisdom is the right application of knowledge; and true education—the education for which the Church stands—is the application of knowledge to the development of a noble and a God-like character. . . True education seeks to make men and women not only good mathematicians, proficient linguists, profound scientists, or brilliant literary lights, but also honest men combined with virtue, temperance, and brotherly love—men and women who prize truth, justice, wisdom, benevolence, and self control as the choicest acquisitions of a successful life."

—President David O. McKay

OBITUARY

★ Linda Elizabeth Ann Bryan, of the Hereford Branch, Central British Mission, died on July 22nd after a short illness. Linda had been an active member of the M.I.A. until just over a year ago when she left school and entered the Hairdressing profession. Working during the day she spent several evenings each week at night school to learn the many aspects of her chosen career. With her sixteenth birthday less than a month away, Linda will be greatly missed by the branch members. Deepest sympathy is expressed to her parents Derek and Eileen Bryan.

Ordinations

Elder

John Swan Topen, Dundee Branch, Scottish Mission.
Peter Andrew Smith. Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
Heinz Albert Falkenback, Nottingham Ward Leicester Stake.
Leslie John Steele, Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
Graham Ernest Conway, Derby Ward, Leicester Stake.
James Sydney Bakewell, Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake.
David John Parker, Western Park Branch, Leicester Stake.
Dick Wilderspin, Leicester Ward, Leicester Stake.
Edward Charles Jukes. Birmingham Ward, Leicester Stake.
David Keith Holman, Basildon Branch, British Mission.
Sidney Farrow, Hayes Branch, British South Mission.
Thomas Allen Moats Conlin, Norwich District, British Mission.
John McLean, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission.
Jerry Ball, Hamilton Branch, Scottish Mission.
Charles Gayne, Cathkin Branch, Scottish Mission.
Geoffrey Charles Spearman, Gateshead Branch, Sunderland Stake.
Brian Hume, Gateshead Branch, Sunderland Stake.

Exerpts From Earlier Stars

★ "It is 34 years today since I was baptised, and 65 years yesterday since I was born into this world; both of these births happened in the town of Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. It was 35 years on the first day of August last since I began to preach the Gospel and bear testimony to the truth, and in doing so I have crossed the ocean five times, crossed the plains between here and Omaha seven times, and have preached and borne testimony to the Gospel as restored by God through Joseph Smith. in some 235 cities, towns and villages in Great Britain, and in 10 states and territories of America.

"I have met all kinds of opposition from the religious world, and have held 14 public discussions, two with a Campbellite minister, two with an Irvinite preacher, one with a Methodist minister, one with a Calvinistic minister, four with a Baptist minister, three with a Swedenborgian minister in England, and one with a minister of the same church in Scotland, besides replies to lectures and private discussions with those of almost every denomination of Christians.

"Now I am getting to be an old man, and must soon pass away and give an account of the deeds done in the body. Knowing this, I bear testimony before God, angels and men, that I do verily know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true Church of God on the earth, that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of the Living God, and that Brigham Young, with whom I am well acquainted, I having been in Utah 21 years, is an upright, just and honourable man, a Prophet of God and His chosen servant.

"After all my experience, this is my testimony."

—William Gibson, Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 5, 1874

Genealogical Special

He Shall Prepare A Way

★ Sister Joan Thorp of the Huddersfield Ward has recently had a thrilling experience which she would like to share, particularly with those who may now express little interest in genealogical research. She writes:

On Christmas Day, 1960, the missionaries came to our home for the first time and taught us the Gospel. My husband, Harry, and I were baptised three months later and the week after, our two children Tony and Eileen.

Of all the Gospel principles that we had been taught, the one that held no appeal for me was Genealogy. A visit from two of the sisters in the ward, however, ended up with me making a family group sheet for my immediate family. I found this to be easy since all the information was available locally and did not incur any travel expense.

I hesitated before making a sheet for my grandparents since I knew that this would be more difficult to complete. A lead came, however, when I was visiting an aunt who suggested that I get in touch with a cousin in London. I had no previous knowledge of this cousin but with my curiosity aroused and having obtained his address from my aunt, I wrote to him and explained the nature of my enquiries. I was more than surprised when he replied shortly to say that he was glad someone was looking into the family tree again and he enclosed four foolscap sheets literally covered with

names and addresses, and births and deaths, that his father had compiled before his death. He said that he hadn't known what to do with them but did not want to throw them away. Hardly suprising, I began to take a keen interest in genealogy!

Next I turned to my mothers line and completed a sheet on which she appears as a child. Last summer this sheet was returned to me stating that she could now be sealed to her father, whose name is Ephraim Hirst. Bro. Hirst stood proxy for him in the sealing.

Some time later when I was putting this sheet into my Book of Remembrance, I noticed that the date of baptism for Ephraim Hirst was down as 1958. This was two years before we had been converted and I concluded that it must either be a mistake or else someone else was working on my direct line. After asking Salt Lake to check on this I received from them a photostatic copy of a sheet where Ephraim appears as a child along with other brothers and sisters of whom I had no knowledge. The whole family had been baptised, endowed and sealed by an Olive B. White of Salt Lake City.

I recently received a letter from Sister White in which she says, "I hired a professional researcher and he has put into families, all the Hirsts around Mirfield and Thornhill, (Yorkshire) along with my parents and grandparents who came from there. Altogether he has gathered hundreds of sheets and many more hundreds of names, and you can be sure Temple work has been done for all of them."

All this must have happened before we had even heard of the Church. Truly did Nephi of old say, ". . . The Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

★ ★ ★

Sermons In A Sentence Or Two

By President David O. McKay

Develop Character

One never developes character by yielding to wrong. Strength comes by resisting!

Use Your Power

Nature's law is the survival of the fittest, God's law is: Use your personal power and possessions for the advancement and happiness of others.

A Divine Ordinance

To members of the restored Church, marriage is a divine ordinance and, when directed by intelligent parenthood, the surest and safest means for the improvement of mankind. Marriage is not a ceremony to be entered into lightly, to be terminated at pleasure, nor a union to be dissolved at the first difficulty that might arise.

Preserve The Home

The ability to preserve the home in its purity and usefulness is found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Centre

God should be the centre of our lives and the lives of all in the world.

Virtues From Within

No outward environment alone can produce manhood. The virtues of life spring from within.

Right Begets Right

Right thoughts and feelings, if consistently kept in the foreground, inevitably lead to right acts.

Keep Soul Clean

The handsomest youth and the most beautiful maiden may mar their beauty by a morose, cross-tempered disposition or by nursing dissatisfacion in the soul.

Unselfishness Need

Man needs a rededication to the principles of unselfishness. No peace or freedom can come to the world as long as men live only for themselves.

Obedience Brings Eternal Life

Obedience to Christ and His laws brings life and life eternal.

Triumph Of Truth

We cannot truly believe that we are the children of God and that God exists without our also believing in the final inevitable triumph of truth expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Greatest Need

An active, sincere faith in the basic teachings of Jesus of Nazareth is the greatest need of the world. Because many reject this truth is all the more reason why sincere believers should proclaim it.

Mission of Church

The mission of the Church is to proclaim the truth of the restored Gospel, to uplift society that people may mingle more amicably one with another, and to create in our communities a wholesome environment in which our children may find strength to resist temptation, and encouragement to strive for cultural and spiritual attainment.

Continued from page 48

it was adapted because it had to be one that students would take to and on their own initiative complete the course.

He noted that everywhere it has been tried the students really like it and are eager to participate in it. As Church funds and leadership become available it will be taken to other areas, he said.

Dr. Berrett emphasised the concern by Church authorities over the loss of youth and said where there is no Seminary there is a greater loss of youth "The Seminary programme strengthens the youth, gives them a better understanding of the Church and of the Gospel but in such a way of doing it that the youth love it," he said.

He disclosed that 850 full time teachers are teaching Seminary and 2,800 part-time with more than 4,000 teachers in the Church Schools other than the BYU. "The full fruits of the programme come later when these young people marry in the Temple, pay their tithing, and teach their children of the benefits derived from having studied Seminary," he added.

While in London, Dr. Berrett met with stake and missions presidents and the teachers and bishops of the wards in London Stake. Early morning seminary was introduced in the British Isles the past year with good success. However, the transportation being a chief deterrent, it is hoped the home study plan will be participated in by many young people this year.

The course this year will be on Church History using Dr. Berrett's book "The Restored Church" as the text.

Dr Berrett emphasised that the duty and purpose of this programme "is to save our youth." Despite the great programmes of the Church far too many youth are falling by the wayside and greater effort and means must be utilised to rescue and save these youth, he warned.

He said this new programme is effective because youth can gear it to their own circumstances, because they have a systematic plan of daily scripture study and it does bear fruit.

Dr. Berrett related stories of how youth in various places around the globe have sacrificed to enjoy this programme and added,

"We love that for which we sacrifice . . ."

The purpose of this and all great programmes of the Church is to save souls of men, he emphasised.

The meeting in the evening was for the bishops and teachers appointed in the wards and branches of the London Stake who had opportunity of meeting John M. Madsen, division coordinator

in England and Wales of the Seminary programme and James R. Moss, home study supervisor. Bro. Moss will direct the area of the Southwest British Mission, British South and British Missions, plus London Stake.

Bro. Madsen introduced Dr. Berrett and Bro. Moss to the group and briefly told how the Seminary programme had grown in the past year in the British Isles.

Bro. Moss said the recommended one hour study period a day by the students on an individual basis can prepare them for missions, to go through the temple and in all ways better equip them for their years in the Church, thus they become "the strength of the Church." He said "the students themselves will run the programme, we will just supervise."

Young men and women ages 14-18 are highly encouraged to register with their bishopric or branch presidency for the 1969-70 course which begins with the start of school this month (September) and the course of study will be Church History.

See your bishop or branch president today.

★ ★ ★

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

By Mary Stewart Mackey, secretary

★ The five branch Relief Societies of the Lake District cooperated to hold a joint district bazaar during the Cumberland Agricultural Show. The bazaar realised £86 - 5 - 5d. before expenses.

There was a wonderful display of work done by all the sisters over the past year with the planning and arranging by Sister Maria Stevenson of Kendal, the district work director for the board. The display was in the form of a blue ship with gold chains and a fishermans net as background following the theme of the Visiting Teaching Conference of last April. Flags were amast and everything "was shipshape" and goods were readied for the visitors.

More than 5,000 persons visited the show during the beautiful sunny day. While all the stalls and displays brought many fine compliments the cake stall was soon emptied of all its goodies.

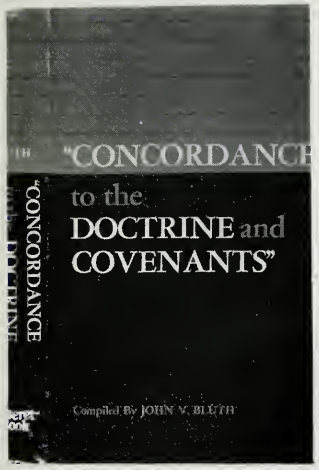
The proselyting missionaries also had an interesting day as they told many about the Gospel message. The similar bazaar last year resulted in at least two persons joining the Church in Carlisle, it has been reported.

Sister Watkins, president of the Lake District Relief Society Board, expressed appreciation to all who had participated and aided in making it such a success. Pres. Lerwell, of the Morecambe and Lancaster Branch, also expressed appreciation to the sisters.

Deseret Book

COMPANY

44 EAST SO TEMPLE AND AT COTTONWOOD MALL
SALT LAKE CITY
2472 WASHINGTON BLVD OGDEN
777 SO MAIN ST. ORANGE CALIFORNIA



"Concordance to the Doctrine and Covenants"

By John V. Bluth

The work has all of the needed features of scriptural concordance, offering every major word of the Doctrine and Covenants, arranged in alphabetical order, indicating the textual references by section and verse.

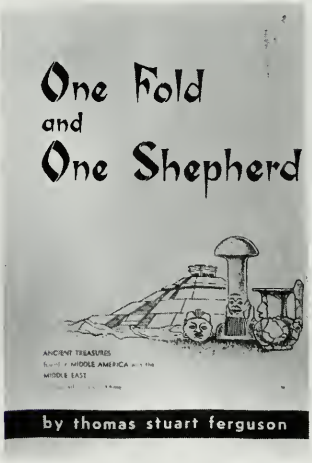
42/– plus 5/– post & packing

"One Fold and One Shepherd"

By Thomas Stuart Ferguson

Ancient treasures of the Middle East and Middle America are brought to light and compared in this book for the first time. Treasures of knowledge—long lost to the world—are reported on. Secrets of the pyramids and temples of Central America are revealed. It is an exciting book.

42/– plus 5/– post & packing



Obtainable from:

DESERET ENTERPRISES LTD., 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey

Office Building

★ Members of the Church everywhere will be pleased to know that work on the proposed new 25-storey Church Office Building in Salt Lake City will begin soon.

The First Presidency has announced that the low bid of $31,396,000 was accepted for construction of the new offices. This was $62,000 lower than the next lowest bid submitted.

The winning bid was submitted as a joint venture by two Utah firms, Christiansen Brothers, Inc., Salt Lake City and W. W. Clyde and Co. of Springville.

President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency, announced construction will begin as soon as the contractors have been signed.

The new 25-storey office building, to be the tallest building in Utah, will house Church offices presently scattered in 13 buildings throughout Salt Lake City.

George Cannon Young, architect, designed the new building. He is a grandson of Brigham Young.

The structure will be built on the same block and adjacent to the north of the present Church Administration Building at 47 E. South Temple.

President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency, said the 96-year-old Prophet, President David O. McKay is "looking forward to see the building started and completed."

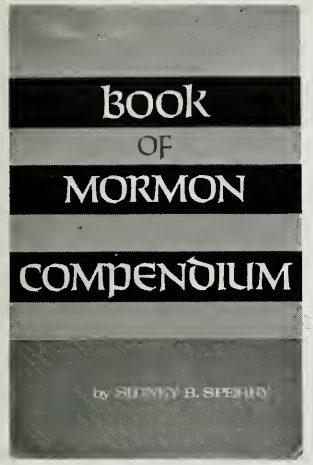
According to Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building Committee, the building is designed for the immediate anl the future needs of the Church. It will be erected under his supervision.

The main front of the building will face south to a landscaped plaza with trees and flowers. Wings four stories high will be constructed to the east and west of the centre high rise tower. The building will be constructed of welded steel, bearing a precast stone front in white quartzite.

★ "There has never been a greater need for spiritual heroism than right now. The courage and mettle of every young man will be tried—every virtue and strength of young womanhood tested."

—Elder Boyd K. Packer

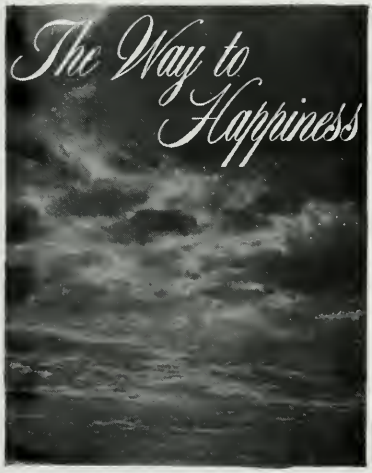
★ **BOOKCRAFT**
1186 South Main
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 ★



"Book of Mormon Compendium"
By Sidney B. Sperry

This study explores background material such as the writers and languages of the Book of Mormon and the modern witnesses to its divine origin.

59/– plus 5/– post & packing



"The Way To Happiness"
By Roulon S. Howells

This book points out, from the Bible, many things Jesus did and taught and compares them with what many men are doing and teaching today.

13/– plus 1/9 post & packing

Obtainable from:
DESERET ENTERPRISES LTD., 288 London Road, Mitcham, Surrey

Cannon Family Mission

★ To take a large family on a Mission is no mean achievement, and many people wondered just how Pres. and Sis. George I. Cannon would manage when they arrived, with their seven children, to look after the Central British Mission in June 1966. They need not have worried for all the Cannons looked upon this as their mission, and the whole family won their way into the hearts of members both in the Mission and in the Leicester Stake.

The children have earned respect and achieved honours in their various schools, and shown their friends and teachers what Mormon family life is like.

Pres. and Sis. Cannon have served quietly and with dignity in building up the Mission. They will be remembered with great affection, for the work they have done, how quickly they put people at their ease, and yet brought out their best qualities and increased their ability to put the Church programme into practice. The Mission motto "Build Strong the Kingdom of God", has been their watchword, and under their guidance the District, Branch and Quorum organisations of the Mission have been greatly strengthened, and the saints in general have been richly blessed.

The Mission Home was always open to welcome the young people for firesides, discussions or advice, in addition to the many leadership meetings and seminars which have been a feature of their administration. Everyone who visited felt the genuine warmth of their love for their fellow men. Three years seem to have flown all too quickly and now they are returning home to Salt Lake , leaving their eldest son George on a Mission in Germany.

Members of the Mission and Stake wish them safe journeyings and happy homecoming, and never will they forget the Cannon family.

★ ★ ★

I do not dwell upon your faults, and you shall not upon mine. Charity, which is love, covereth a multitude of sins, and I have often covered up all the faults among you; but the prettiest thing is to have no faults at all. We should cultivate a meek, quiet and peaceable spirit.

—Joseph Smith